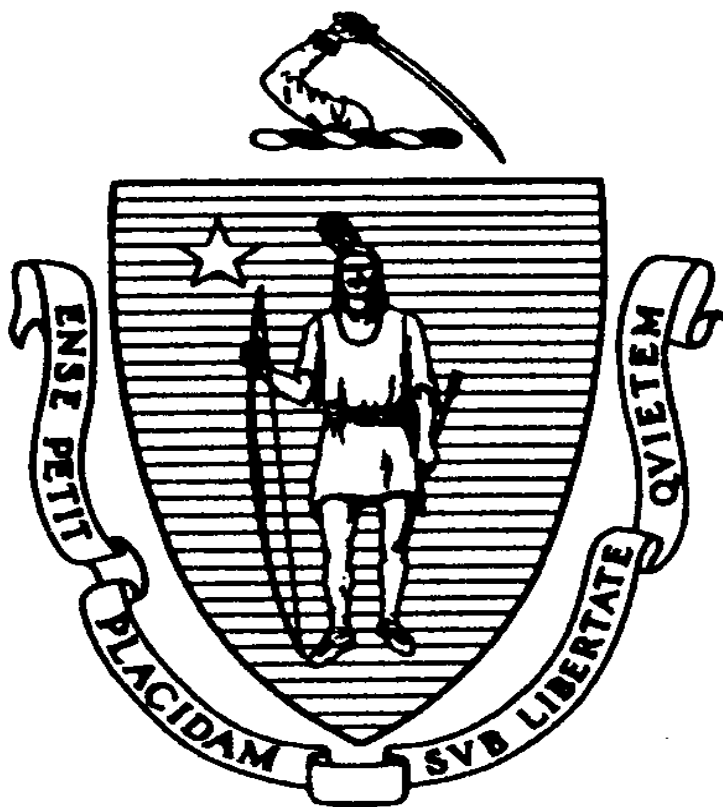


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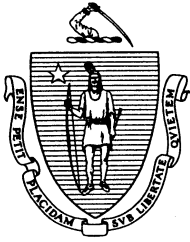
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Executive Summary

- The total number of offenders sentenced to Massachusetts county facilities (jails and houses of correction) during 1997 was 19,842. The breakdown by gender was 18,860 males (95% of total population) and 982 females (5% of total population). The largest racial/ethnic group represented was Caucasian (59%), followed by African American (21%) and Hispanic (18%). The average age of inmates incarcerated during 1997 was 30 years (for both males and females), ranging from 16 to 85 years of age. The average sentence length was six months. The average educational level was 11th grade.

Highlights

- In 1997, there were 19,842 commitments to county facilities. This represents an increase of two percent over the 19,482 commitments in 1996, the lowest annual percent increase over the last ten years.
- The total number of female commitments decreased from 1996 to 1997 by 61, despite the percent of female offenders remaining five percent of the total new county commitments since 1995.
- Twenty-three percent were committed for offenses against the person, two percent for sex offenses, twenty percent for property offenses, eighteen percent for drug offenses, ten percent for operating under the influence of alcohol (OUI), fourteen percent for motor vehicle offenses and thirteen percent for 'other' offenses.
- The most common offenses for which offenders were committed were assault/assault and battery (fifteen percent), motor vehicle violations (fourteen percent), and O.U.I. (ten percent).
- Five percent were committed in lieu of a fine. There was a significant reduction (39%) in fines issued compared to the previous year (1996). Less than one percent were committed for weekend sentences.
- Seventy-eight percent of the offenders were single, twelve percent were married, and ten percent were separated, divorced or widowed.
- Eighty-eight percent of the commitments were born in Massachusetts, five percent were born in other states, four percent were born in U.S. territories, and three percent were foreign born.

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Introduction

This report provides a statistical description of offenders committed to Massachusetts county facilities (jails and houses of correction) during 1997. Offenders are described in terms of commitment institution, month of commitment, committing court, offense, sentence length, sentence type (weekend and jail sentences), sex, age, race, marital status, education, place of birth, and residence. Trends in court commitments to the county correctional system over the past decade are also presented.

All new court commitments and those individuals who began serving a new sentence during the year are included in this report. If an individual was committed more than once during 1997, each court commitment for that individual is counted separately.

The statistical tables were derived from information submitted by each county facility to the Research and Planning Division of the Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC), and were produced on the DOC's VAX Computer System. A glossary of terms is provided in the back of this report to reference definitions of some terms used.

There are fourteen counties in Massachusetts. All counties except for Nantucket county have at least one county correctional facility administered by each county sheriff.

These facilities usually contain a jail for pre-trial detainees, and a house of correction for sentenced inmates. Suffolk county has a separate facility for its jail (Nashua Street) and its house of correction (South Bay). Middlesex county has two facilities, a combined jail and house of correction in Billerica and a jail in Cambridge.

Four counties have specialized facilities for sentenced offenders: Essex county has the Correctional Alternative Center (CAC) in Lawrence; Hampden county has the Western Massachusetts Correctional Alcohol Center (WMCAC) facility in Springfield; Bristol county has the Eastern Massachusetts Correctional Alcohol Center (EMCAC) in New Bedford; and Norfolk county has the Braintree Alternative Center (BAC) in Braintree. Individuals are not committed directly to these four facilities, but can be transferred to them from a house of correction or state correctional facility.

This report has been organized into three sections. The first section describes the demographic characteristics of 1997 commitments. The second section depicts information about criminal offenses for the inmate population. The third section addresses data regarding sentencing, such as court from which committed, type of sentence, and sentence lengths.

Demographic Characteristics of County
Commitments in 1997

Figure 1

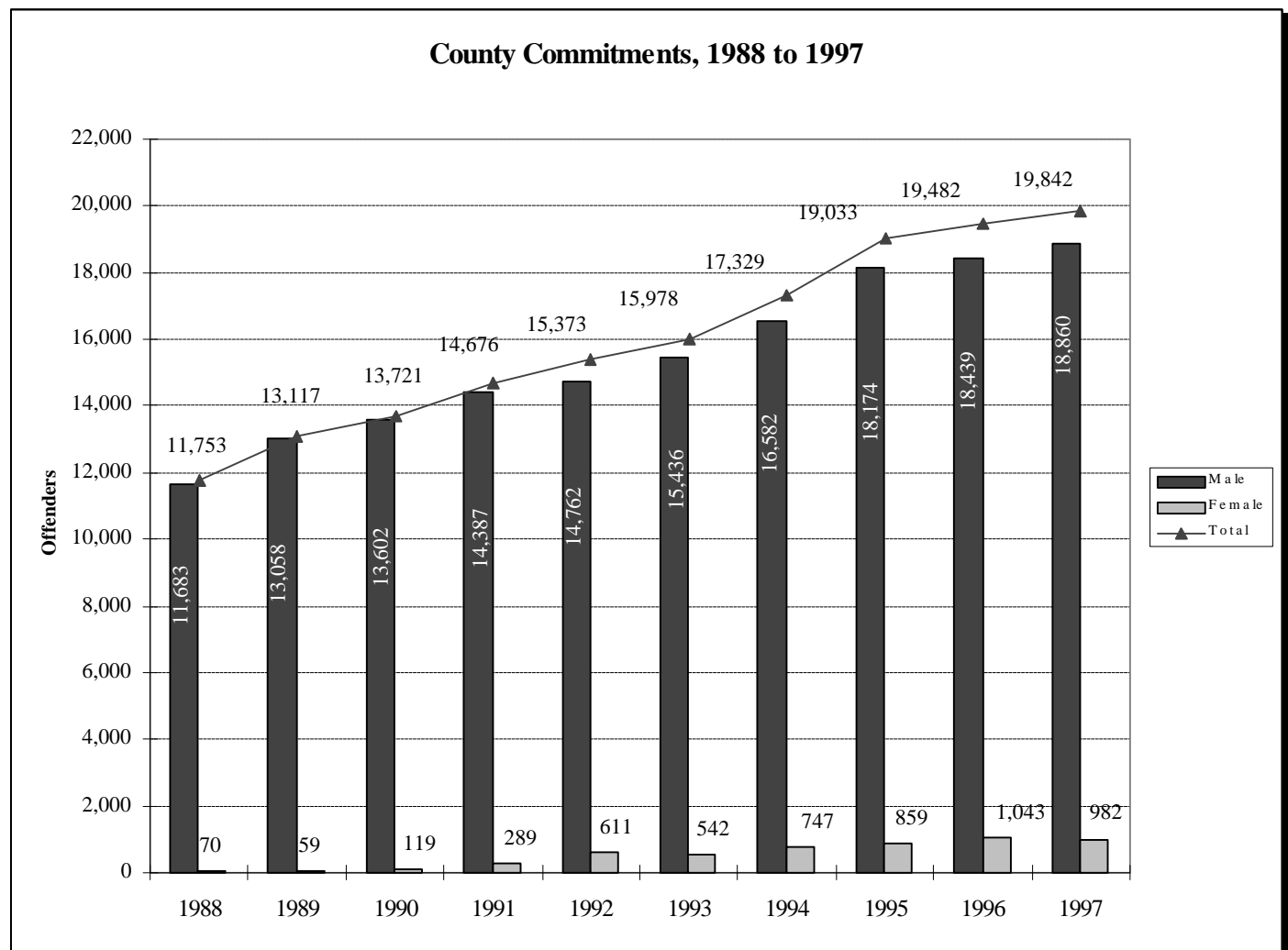


Table 1

Gender: 1993 to 1997

	1993		1994		1995		1996		1997		% Chng 96 vs 97
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	%
Male	15,436	97	16,582	96	18,174	95	18,439	95	18,860	95	2
Female	542	3	747	4	859	5	1,043	5	982	5	-6
Total	15,978	100	17,329	100	19,033	100	19,482	100	19,842	100	2

Figure 2

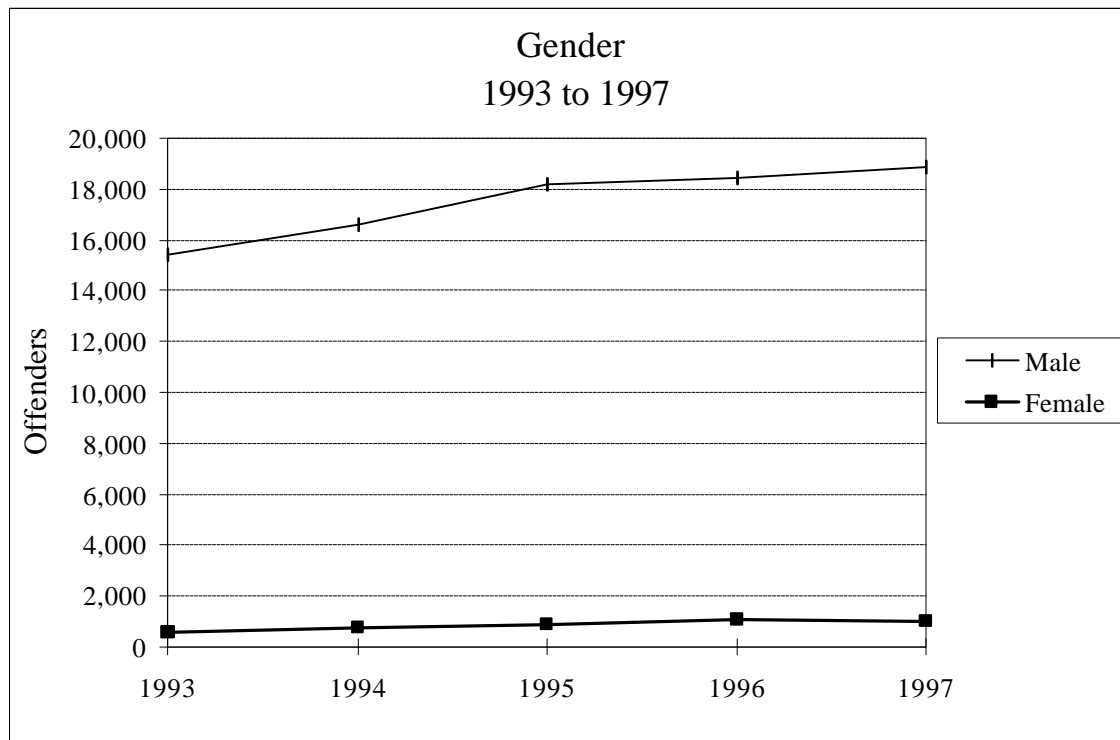


Table 2

Race/Ethnicity: 1993 to 1997

	1993		1994		1995		1996		1997		% Chng 96 vs 97
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	%
Caucasian	9,828	62	10,372	60	11,350	60	11,303	58	11,801	59	4
African American	3,326	21	3,676	21	4,053	21	4,365	22	4,088	21	-6
Hispanic	2,533	16	2,986	17	3,446	18	3,597	19	3,557	18	-1
Other	191	1	127	1	184	1	217	1	396	2	82
Unknown	100	0	168	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	15,978	100	17,329	100	19,033	100	19,482	100	19,842	100	2

Figure 3

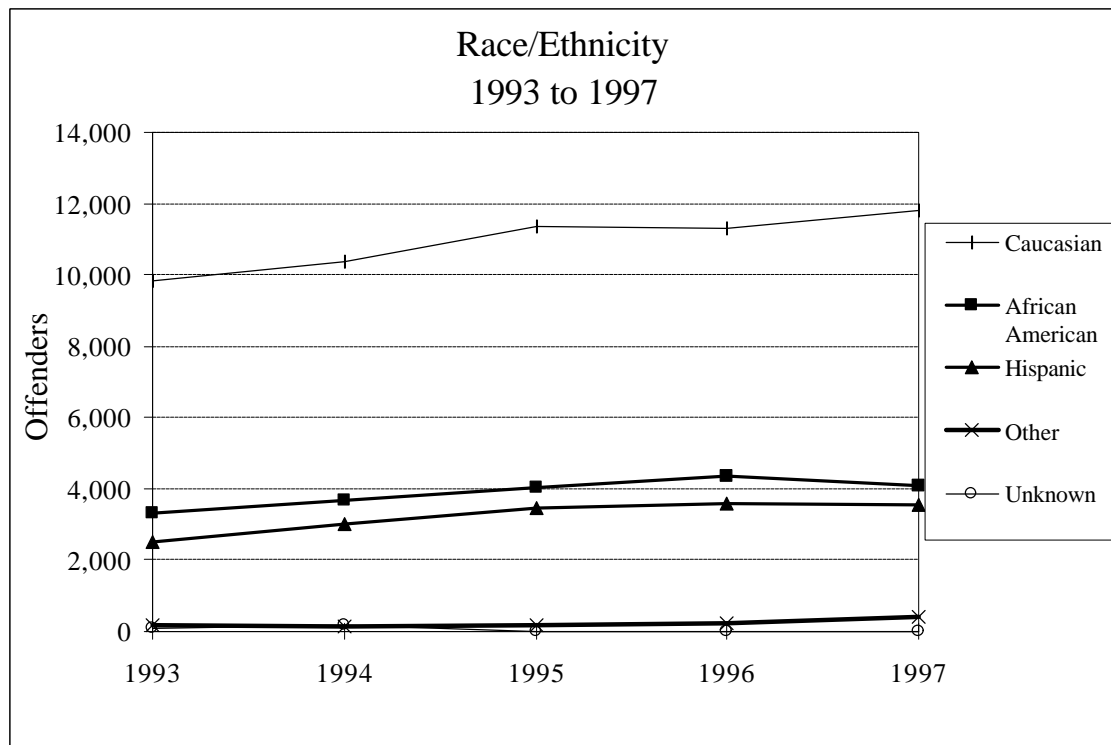


Table 3**Race/Ethnicity by Gender**

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Caucasian	585	60	11,216	60	11,801	59
African American	245	25	3,843	20	4,088	21
Hispanic	123	13	3,434	18	3,557	18
Native American	2	0	16	0	18	0
Asian	3	0	63	0	66	0
Other	24	2	288	2	312	2
Total	982	100	18,860	100	19,842	100

Table 4

Age at Commitment: 1993 to 1997

	1993		1994		1995		1996		1997		% Chng 96 vs 97
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	%
19 or Younger	1,225	8	1,488	9	1,660	9	1,755	9	1,876	9	7
20 to 24 Years	3,547	22	3,571	21	3,738	20	3,815	20	3,867	20	1
25 to 29 Years	3,657	23	3,793	22	3,842	20	3,806	20	3,593	18	-6
30 to 39 Years	5,511	34	6,106	35	6,837	36	6,822	35	6,996	35	3
40 to 64 Years	2,002	12	2,333	13	2,914	15	3,248	17	3,460	17	7
65 and Older	36	0	38	0	42	0	36	0	50	0	39
Total	15,978	100	17,329	100	19,033	100	19,482	100	19,842	100	2

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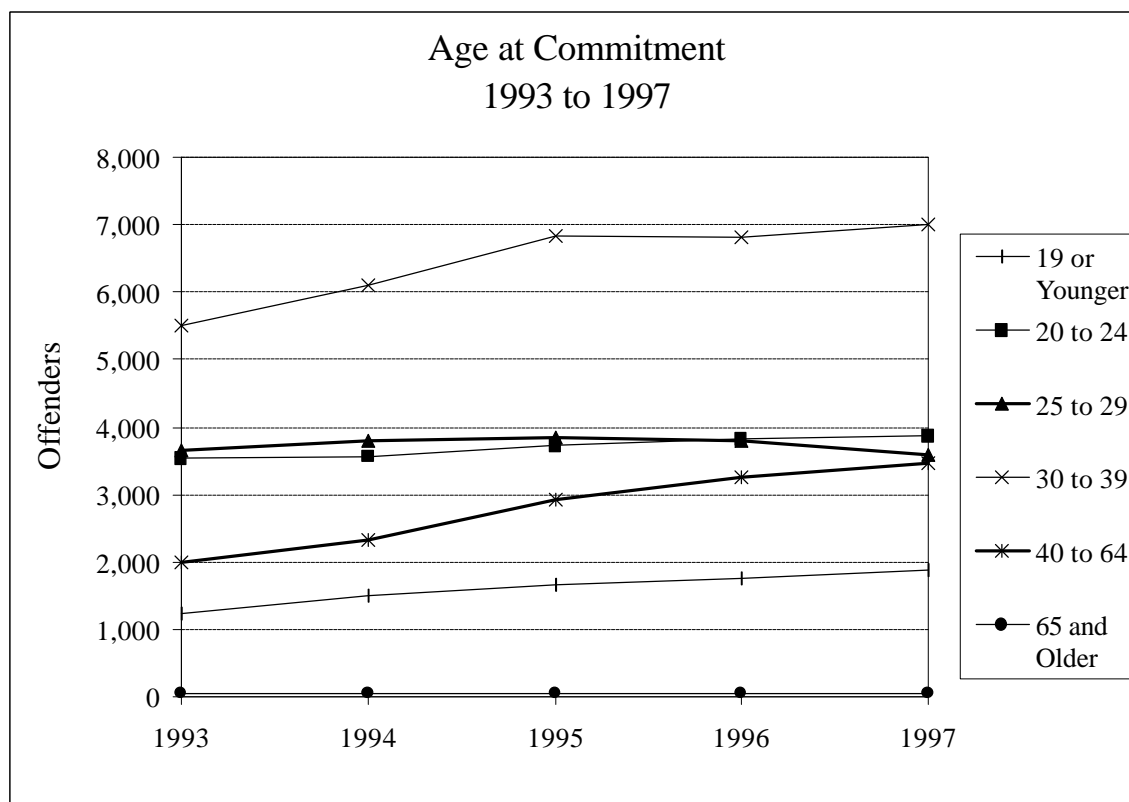


Table 5**Age at Commitment by Gender**

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
15 yrs	0	0	0	0	0	0
16 yrs	0	0	4	0	4	0
17 yrs	4	0	236	1	240	1
18 yrs	11	1	731	4	742	4
19 yrs	26	3	864	5	890	4
20 yrs	28	3	883	5	911	5
21 yrs	36	4	817	4	853	4
22 yrs	21	2	712	4	733	4
23 yrs	29	3	652	3	681	3
24 yrs	35	3	654	3	689	3
25-29 yrs	199	20	3,394	18	3,593	18
30-34 yrs	241	25	3,514	19	3,755	19
35-39 yrs	186	19	3,055	16	3,241	16
40-44 yrs	107	11	1,878	10	1,985	10
45-49 yrs	35	4	842	4	877	4
50-54 yrs	19	2	369	2	388	2
55-59 yrs	2	0	145	1	147	1
60-64 yrs	0	0	63	0	63	0
65-69 yrs	2	0	28	0	30	0
70 yrs or Older	1	0	19	0	20	0
Total	982	100	18,860	100	19,842	100

Age of 1997 commitments:

The median age was 30 years (for both females and males)

The average age was 33 years (for both females and males)

Age of 1997 commitments - Ranges:

Females - 17 years to 71 years

Males - 16 years to 85 years

Table 6
Last Grade Completed (Self Reported) by Gender

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
3rd or Less	2	0	94	0	96	0
4th	2	0	79	0	81	0
5th	0	1	79	0	79	0
6th	11	1	144	1	155	1
7th	28	3	295	2	323	2
8th	57	6	687	4	744	4
9th	96	10	1,676	9	1,772	9
10th	156	16	2,801	15	2,957	15
11th	131	13	2,961	16	3,092	16
High School Grad.	324	33	7,434	39	7,758	39
Some College	120	12	1,763	9	1,883	9
College Grad.	29	3	373	2	402	2
Grad. School	4	0	147	1	151	1
Unknown	22	2	327	2	349	2
Total	982	100	18,860	100	19,842	100

Table 7
Citizenship Status (Self Reported) by Gender

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
US Citizen - Mass Born	598	61	10,458	55	11,056	56
US Citizen - Other State	38	4	569	3	607	3
US Citizen - US Territory	11	1	491	3	502	3
US Citizen - Foreign Born	13	1	335	2	348	2
Unknown	322	33	7,007	37	7,329	37
Total	982	100	18,860	100	19,842	100

Table 8**Marital Status (Self Reported) by Gender**

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Married	61	6	1,553	8	1,614	8
Single	549	56	10,226	54	10,775	54
Divorced	52	5	1,040	6	1,092	6
Widowed	7	1	35	0	42	0
Common Law	0	0	63	0	63	0
Separated	21	2	290	2	311	2
Unknown	292	30	5,653	30	5,945	30
Total	982	100	18,860	100	19,842	100

Table 9**Prior Address: County of Residence
(Self Reported) by Gender**

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Barnstable	12	1	86	0	98	0
Berkshire	46	5	366	2	412	2
Bristol	186	19	1,775	9	1,961	10
Dukes	0	0	2	0	2	0
Essex	7	1	919	5	926	5
Franklin	9	1	73	0	82	0
Hampden	23	2	457	2	480	2
Hampshire	8	1	34	0	42	0
Middlesex	32	3	1,585	8	1,617	8
Nantucket	0	0	5	0	5	0
Norfolk	22	2	696	4	718	4
Plymouth	16	2	514	3	530	3
Suffolk	201	20	3,194	17	3,395	17
Worcester	14	1	251	1	265	1
MA-County Unknown	22	2	501	3	523	3
Out of State	38	4	569	3	607	3
U.S. Territory	11	1	491	3	502	2
Foreign Country	13	1	335	2	348	2
Unknown	322	33	7,007	37	7,329	37
Total	982	100	18,860	100	19,842	100

Current Offense

Table 10

Current Offense Categories: 1993 to 1997

	1993		1994		1995		1996		1997		% Chng 96 vs 97
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	%
Person	2,962	19	3,351	19	3,957	21	4,134	21	4,482	23	8
Property	3,851	24	4,175	24	4,342	23	4,344	22	4,033	20	-7
Sex	285	2	304	2	355	2	338	2	344	2	2
Drug	2,434	15	2,907	17	3,315	17	3,537	18	3,512	18	-1
Other	6,446	40	6,592	38	7,064	37	7,129	37	7,471	38	5
Total	15,978	100	17,329	100	19,033	100	19,482	100	19,842	100	2

Figure 5

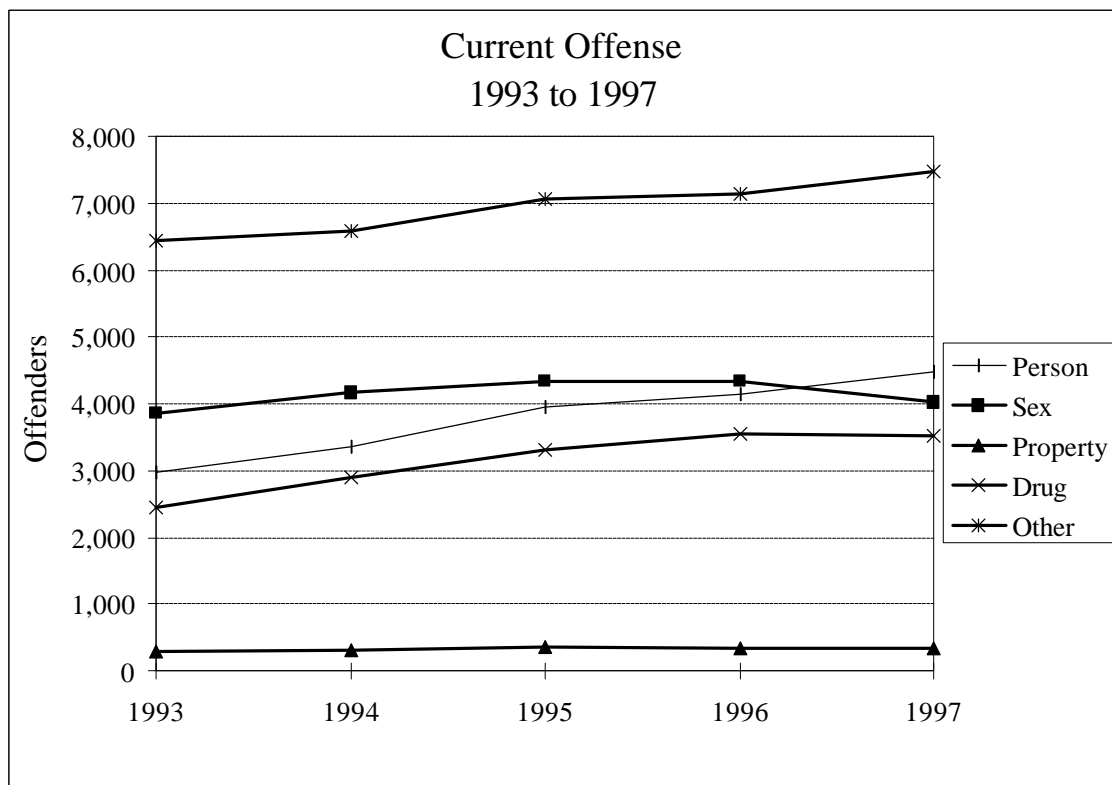


Table 11

Current Offense Categories by Gender

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Person	152	15	4,330	23	4,482	23
Sex	5	1	339	2	344	2
Property	240	24	3,793	20	4,033	20
Drug	260	26	3,252	17	3,512	18
Other	325	33	7,146	38	7,471	38
Total	982	100	18,860	100	19,842	100

Table 12

Person Offenses by Gender

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Not a Person Offense	831	85	14,530	51	15,361	77
Manslaughter	0	0	3	0	3	0
Vehicular Homicide	1	0	20	7	21	0
Assault With Intent to Murder	4	0	11	6	15	0
Armed Robbery	0	0	18	4	18	0
Unarmed Robbery	1	0	23	4	24	0
Unarmed Robbery Victim over 65	0	0	1	4	1	0
Armed Assault	56	6	1,245	4	1,301	7
Unarmed Assault	83	8	2,828	1	2,911	15
Stalking	1	0	20	1	21	0
A&B on a Child	0	0	3	1	3	0
Mayhem	0	0	7	1	7	0
A&B Dangerous Weapon, Victim 65+	0	0	2	0	2	0
Extortion	2	0	119	1	121	1
Kidnapping	2	0	6	1	8	0
Civil Rights Violation	0	0	3	1	3	0
Conspiracy	1	0	21	0	22	0
Total	982	100	18,860	85	19,842	100

Table 13

Sex Offenses by Gender

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Not a Sex Offense	977	99	18,521	98	19,498	98
Rape	0	0	5	0	5	0
Assault W/Int to Rape	1	0	133	1	134	1
Rape of Child	0	0	42	0	42	0
Assault W/Int to Rape, Child	0	0	98	1	98	0
Unnatural Act	3	0	11	0	14	0
Incest	0	0	1	0	1	0
Open and Gross Lewdness	0	0	33	0	33	0
Gross Sexual Misconduct	1	0	16	0	17	0
Total	982	100	18,860	100	19,842	100

Table 14**Property Offenses by Gender**

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Not a Property Offense	742	76	15,067	80	15,809	80
Arson	2	0	45	0	47	0
Armed Burglary	0	0	2	0	2	0
Burglary	37	4	1,192	6	1,229	6
Possession of Burglary Tools	1	0	30	0	31	0
Stealing	49	5	352	2	401	2
Larceny From Person	18	2	124	1	142	1
Larceny	78	8	902	5	980	5
Vehicular Theft	5	1	259	1	264	1
Larceny From Person over 64	0	0	3	0	3	0
Forgery & Uttering	20	2	87	0	107	1
Fraud	1	0	17	0	18	0
Embezzlement	0	0	2	0	2	0
Possession of Stolen Goods	20	2	482	2	502	3
Destruction of Property	9	0	296	2	305	2
Total	982	100	18,860	100	19,842	100

Table 15

Drug Offenses by Gender

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Not a Drug Offense	722	74	15,608	83	16,330	82
Being Present Where Narcotics are Kept	1	0	5	0	6	0
Possession of a Syringe	6	0	60	0	66	0
Possession W/Int to Sell	0	0	5	0	5	0
OUI-Narcotics	2	0	1	0	3	0
Conspiracy	0	0	13	0	13	0
Possession of a Controlled Substance	11	1	122	1	133	1
Controlled Substance - Class A	98	10	897	5	995	5
Controlled Substance - Class B	118	12	1,396	7	1,514	8
Controlled Substance - Class C	1	0	24	0	25	0
Controlled Substance - Class D	11	1	620	4	631	3
Controlled Substance - Class E	3	0	5	0	8	0
Class B Possession - Repeat Offense	0	0	1	0	1	0
Sale of Class C - Recipient under 18	0	0	1	0	1	0
Poss. of a Cont. Sub. In School Zone	9	1	93	0	102	1
Induce Minor in Sale and Distribution of Drugs	0	0	1	0	1	0
Theft of Drugs	0	0	2	0	2	0
Manufacture Counterfeit Drugs	0	0	5	0	5	0
Other Drug Offences	0	0	1	0	1	0
Total	982	100	18,860	100	19,842	100

Table 16

Other Offenses by Gender

	Female	(%)	Male	(%)	Total	(%)
Not an Other Offense	657	67	11,714	62	12,371	62
Escape	3	0	36	0	39	0
Other Weapons Offenses	12	1	330	2	342	2
Nonsupport	0	0	77	0	77	0
Decency/Public Peace Crimes	14	1	306	2	320	2
Prostitution	97	10	33	0	130	1
Gaming	0	0	2	0	2	0
Motor Vehicle Offenses	63	6	2,763	15	2,826	14
Contempt of Court	5	1	187	1	192	1
Violation of Court Order	1	0	23	0	24	0
Public Drunkenness	0	0	1	0	1	0
Operating Under the Influence	84	9	1,993	11	2,077	10
Minor in Possession of Alcohol	1	0	11	0	12	0
Unlawful Possession of Alcohol	1	0	7	0	8	0
Operating Under the Influence W/Injury	0	0	4	0	4	0
Attempts to Commit a Crime	7	1	136	1	143	1
Trespassing	4	0	127	1	131	1
Environmental Offenses	1	0	2	0	3	0
Resisting Arrest	3	0	56		59	0
Other Offenses	29	3	1,052	5	1,081	5
Total	982	100	18,860	100	19,842	100

Sentencing and Court Information

Table 17

Sentence Length: 1993 to 1997

	1993		1994		1995		1996		1997		% Chng 96 vs 97
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	%
Fine	1,475	9	1,348	8	1,501	8	1,464	8	900	5	-39
Less than 1 Month	1,614	10	1,813	10	1,929	10	1,908	10	1,809	9	-5
1 month	1,567	10	1,831	11	1,899	10	1,871	10	2,005	10	7
2 to 5 months	3,243	20	3,591	21	3,750	20	3,942	20	4,309	22	9
6 to 11 months	3,308	21	3,784	22	3,941	21	4,228	22	4,728	24	12
12 to 17 months	2,622	16	2,770	16	3,192	17	3,200	16	3,262	16	2
18 to 23 months	808	5	854	5	1,006	5	1,054	5	1,093	6	4
24 months or more	1,341	8	1,338	8	1,815	9	1,815	9	1,736	9	-4
Total	15,978	100	17,329	100	19,033	100	19,482	100	19,842	100	2

Figure 6

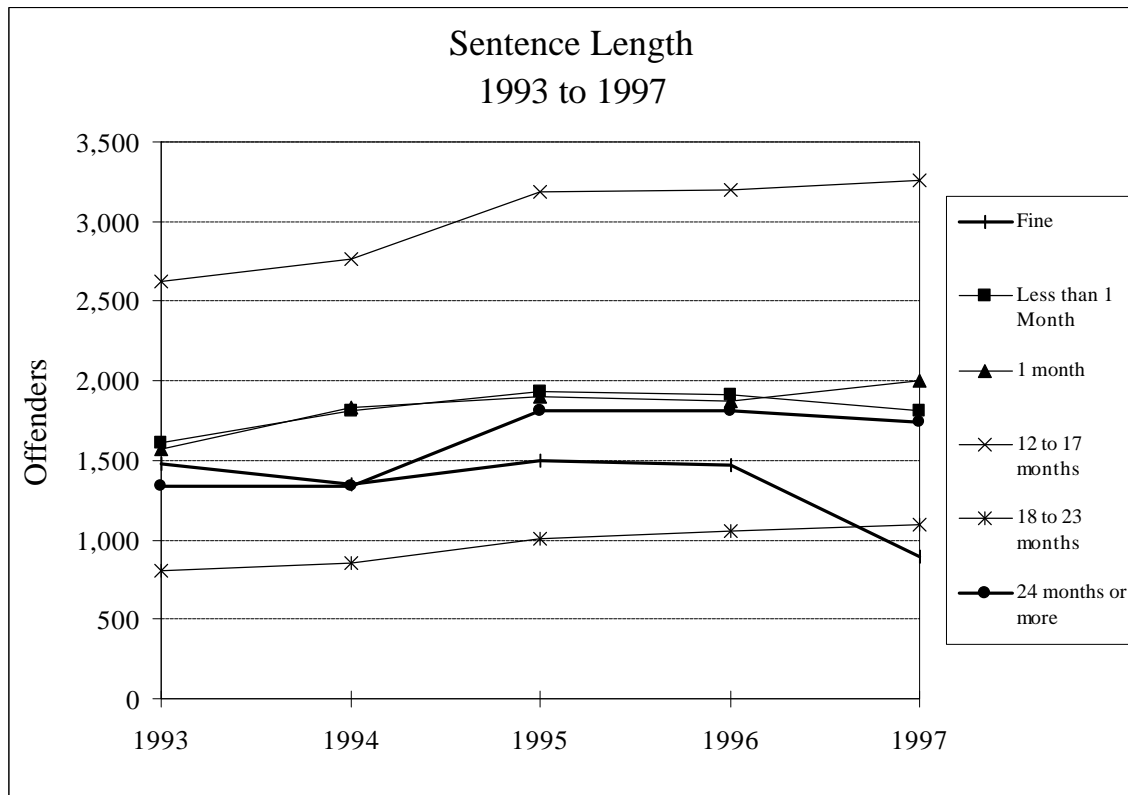


Table 18**Sentence Length by Gender**

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Fine	59	6	841	4	900	5
< 1 Month	72	7	1,737	9	1,809	9
1 Month	100	10	1,905	10	2,005	10
2 Months	38	4	1,374	7	1,412	7
3 Months	105	11	1,772	9	1,877	9
4 Months	52	5	540	3	592	3
5 Months	26	3	402	2	428	2
6 Months	212	22	3,361	18	3,573	18
7 Months	3	0	67	0	70	0
8 Months	7	1	97	1	104	1
9 to 11 Months	64	7	917	5	981	5
12 Months	136	14	2,791	15	2,927	15
13 to 17 Months	8	1	327	2	335	2
18 Months	33	3	914	5	947	5
19 to 23 Months	1	0	145	1	146	1
24 Months	47	5	1,064	2	1,111	6
25+ Months	19	2	606	3	625	3
Total	982	100	18,860	10	19,842	100

Table 19**Court From Which Committed by Gender**

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Barnstable D.C.	51	5	496	3	547	3
Berkshire D.C.	77	8	555	3	632	3
Bristol D.C.	248	25	2,261	12	2,509	13
Dukes D.C.	0	0	1	0	1	0
Essex D.C.	2	0	1,818	10	1,820	9
Franklin D.C.	33	3	216	1	249	1
Hampden D.C.	186	19	1,802	10	1,988	10
Hampshire D.C.	29	3	365	2	394	2
Middlesex D.C.	0	0	2,407	13	2,407	12
Nantucket D.C.	0	0	22	0	22	0
Norfolk D.C.	11	1	1,084	6	1,095	6
Plymouth D.C.	14	1	1,500	8	1,514	8
Suffolk D.C.	262	27	2,634	14	2,896	15
Worcester D.C.	3	0	2,630	14	2,633	13
Superior Courts	66	7	1,069	6	1,135	6
Total	982	100	18,860	100	19,842	100

Table 20**Type of Sentence by Gender**

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Simple	915	93	17,892	95	18,807	95
Fine	59	6	841	4	900	5
Weekend/Week Day	8	1	112	1	120	1
Split	0	0	15	0	15	0
Total	982	100	18,860	100	19,842	100

Table 21

Committing Institution: 1993 to 1997

	1993		1994		1995		1996		1997		% Chng 96 vs 97
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	%
Barnstable	488	3	557	3	665	3	700	4	669	3	-4
Berkshire	581	3	574	3	637	3	710	4	616	3	-13
Bristol	1,794	11	2,264	13	2,309	12	2,525	13	2,655	13	5
Dukes	35	0	33	0	50	0	40	0	36	0	-10
Essex	1,429	10	1,450	8	1,472	8	1,967	10	1,901	10	-3
Franklin	261	2	289	2	303	2	257	1	255	1	-1
Hampden	1,931	13	2,104	12	2,409	13	2,293	12	2,286	12	0
Hampshire	392	3	365	2	401	2	400	2	413	2	3
Middlesex	2,501	17	2,599	15	2,847	15	2,634	13	2,578	13	-2
Norfolk	1,060	6	1,158	7	1,251	7	1,180	6	1,213	6	3
Plymouth	789	5	711	4	806	4	1,146	6	1,376	7	20
Suffolk	2,462	13	2,747	16	3,070	16	3,227	17	3,084	16	-4
Worcester	2,255	14	2,478	14	2,813	15	2,403	12	2,760	14	15
Total	15,978	100	17,329	100	19,033	100	19,482	100	19,842	100	2

Figure 7

Committing Institution: 1993 to 1997

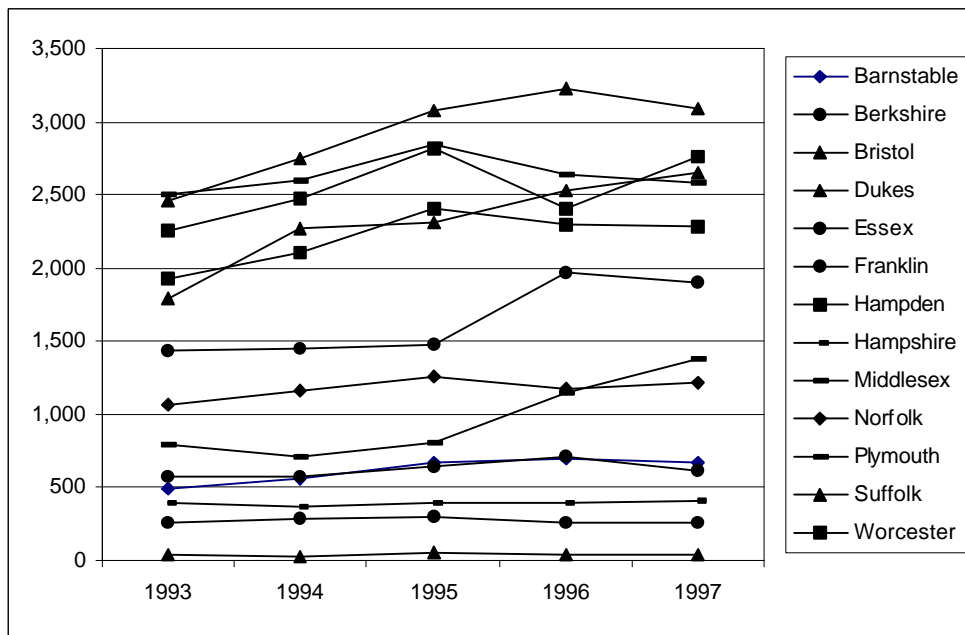


Table 22

Committing Institution by Gender

	Female (%)		Male (%)		Total (%)	
Barnstable	70	7	599	3	669	3
Berkshire	51	5	565	3	616	3
Bristol	259	26	2,396	13	2,655	13
Dukes	0	0	36	0	36	0
Essex	0	0	1,901	10	1,901	10
Franklin	22	3	233	1	255	1
Hampden	266	27	2,020	11	2,286	12
Hampshire	17	2	396	2	413	2
Middlesex	0	0	2,578	14	2,578	13
Nantucket	0	0	0	0	0	0
Norfolk	11	1	1,202	6	1,213	6
Plymouth	0	0	1,376	7	1,376	7
Suffolk	286	29	2,798	15	3,084	16
Worcester	0	0	2,760	15	2,760	14
Total	982	100	18,860	100	19,842	100

Table 23

County Population, January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997

	Average Daily Population	Beginning Population	Ending Population	Design Capacity	%ADP Capacity
Barnstable	286	296	266	110	260%
Berkshire	252	244	246	116	217%
Bristol	1,317	1,183	1,267	666	198%
Dukes	19	23	19	19	100%
Essex	1,367	1,363	1,353	635	215%
Franklin	134	125	141	63	213%
Hampden	1,616	1,531	1,603	1,178	137%
Hampden-OUI	140	132	137	125	112%
Hampshire	262	265	245	248	106%
Middlesex	1,347	1,262	1,370	1,035	130%
Norfolk	614	602	568	379	162%
Plymouth	1,216	1,173	1,095	1,140	107%
Suffolk-Nashua St	650	584	621	453	143%
Suffolk-South Bay	1,812	1,818	1,785	1,146	158%
Worcester	1,220	1,154	1,203	790	154%
Total	12,252	11,755	11,919	8,103	151%

Glossary

ADP

Average Daily Population

Design Capacity

Population capacity each institution was designed to hold.

Facilities

BAC

Braintree Alternative Center

EMCAC

Eastern Massachusetts Correctional Alcohol Center

LCAC

Lawrence Correctional Alternative Center

WMCAC

Western Massachusetts Correctional Alcohol Center

Offenses

Armed Assault

Includes armed assault with intent to rob, armed assault in a dwelling, assault and battery with a deadly weapon, and assault with a deadly weapon.

Assault on Female Under
Sixteen with Intent to Rape

Includes assault and battery on a child under 14 years old.

Assault with Intent to
Commit Rape

Includes assault and battery on a person over 14, indecent assault on a mentally retarded person.

Assault with Intent to Murder
Controlled Substances

Includes attempted murder and accessory to murder.

Class A

Heroin, Morphine.

Class B

Amphetamines, Barbiturates, Cocaine.

Class C

LSD, Hashish

Class D

Marijuana.

Class E

Other prescription drugs.

Motor Vehicle Offenses

Includes leaving the scene of an accident.

Other

Includes violation of abuse prevention law, deriving support from a prostitute, bribery, attempt to commit a crime, and contempt of court.

O.U.I.

Operating under the influence of alcohol.

Prostitution

Includes common nightwalker.

Rape

Includes aggravated rape.

Rape of a Child

Includes rape of a female under sixteen years old.

Receiving Stolen Goods (RSG)	Includes common receiver of stolen goods.
Unarmed Assault	Includes unarmed assault with intent to rob, assault, assault and battery, and other assaults.
Unnatural and Lascivious Acts	Includes unnatural acts with a child under sixteen years old.
Weapon Offenses	Includes weapons violations, Bartley-Fox gun law.